

~~See~~ Almighty and eternal heavenly Father in humility and lowliness of mind we approach thy presence. As we meditate about thee, as we open up the depths of our spirits to thee we realize the magnificence of thine infinite being. Thou hast created the world - and even the universe. The vast expanses of galaxies & solar systems - a minute plant breaking through the ground - are both part of thy handiwork. The blazing life giving heat of the midday sun - the frail song of a robin are both evidences of ^{thine} omnipotence and wisdom. All things are yours O God, and we are but thy creatures. In worship we feel thy greatness and our own smallness and we ask - "what are we - that thou art mindful of us?" We know that the hairs on our heads are numbered - that no man is immune from thy tender love and concern. In humbleness & joy we call upon thy name O Lord - for thou art God for ever and ever.

On this day set aside to honor motherhood we give special thanks to thee. For the miracle of human birth - that in its intricate & wondrous perfection shows forth thy creating hand.

We thank thee O Lord, for the warmth and love, the guidance and discipline, the affectionate care that was given us each in our homes. We give thanks for the unselfish, self-denying love of mothers everywhere, for the lives of all those who have dedicated themselves to the proper raising of their children.

O God of mercy, we ask that thou wouldst be present on this day - with mothers all over the world, whose task is made difficult by poverty and illness. Impress on them the importance of their task, the divine nature of their calling. Comfort those who ~~are~~ live in turmoil, give strength to the weak, that they may better serve thee.

O Father in heaven we ask that thou would be near to us in all that we do. When our minds cause us to doubt, when we are skeptical & cynical forgive us O Lord, give us steadfastness & assurance. Help us as we attempt to encounter thee, give us courage to continue our task.

Help us O Lord, to lead better lives; stamp out the consistent selfishness & self-centeredness that plagues each one. Help us to see further that our own small existence, help us to ~~know~~ realize the divinely given love that belongs also to others.

Guide and direct us in all that we do. ~~That~~ Lead us in the paths of righteousness, that our decisions may be acceptable to thee. Give us strength of will - that knowing what is right we may do it.

O Lord of love, we thank thee for thy concern & affection that has been manifested to us in Jesus Christ. In him we have seen thee, in his life we have seen how thou wouldst have us live, in his death & resurrection we have seen that even eternal life may be ours. -

~~In~~ Hear our prayer O God, give ear to our supplications & thanksgiving - for we pray in the name of him who died that we might live - even Jesus Christ
Amen